YOU'RE UP TO NO GOOD, AREN'T YOU?

YOU'VE SURE BEEN BUSY LATELY, HUH, NENE-CHAN?

ASPIRING ANNOUNCER SHINOBU UZUKI

ASPIRING VTUBER IKO KIRINO

LIKE HELL I AM.

I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING TODAY TOO, SO I'M GOING HOME.

HOLD IT.

WE'RE NOT DONE WITH OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES YET.

TEXTBOOK: KANKEN DRILL, LEVEL 3

THAT'S YOUR DREAM, NOT MINE!

AT THIS RATE, EVEN THE LEVEL 3 KANKEN TEST WILL REMAIN A PIPE DREAM!

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TUNK

I'M THROUGH WITH THOSE STUPID KANJI EXER-CISES!

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MAYBE SHE'S WORKING PART-TIME?

ASPIRING SINGER
RIKKA-INOHANA

SHE CAN BE QUITE BASHFUL.

NENE-CHAN HASN'T BEEN HANGING OUT WITH US A LOT LATELY.

THOSE ARE THE EYES OF SOMEONE WHO'S GOT SOMETHING TO HIDE.

MAYBE SHE'S UP TO SOME SHADY BUSINESS, JUST LIKE KIRINO SAID.

DON'T WORRY. SHE'S NOT UP TO ANYTHING.

HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE ABOUT THAT, UZUKI?

BECAUSE IT'S SUPER OBVIOUS...

...WHEN NENE-CHAN IS LYING...

Tune In to the Midnight Heart

Finding the girl behind the voice.

WOW

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OH, IT'S NENE-CHAN!

THANK YOU!

I CAN'T WAIT FOR YOUR BROADCAST THIS WEEK, HIMEKAWA-SAN!

YOU WANT TO HANG OUT WITH US LATER?

SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO GO HOME RIGHT NOW!

MAYBE SOME OTHER TIME!

THE SCHOOL GATE ISN'T OVER THERE, THOUGH.

NENE-CHAN REALLY IS BUSY, HUH?

SLIP
EEK
EEK
EEK
EEK
EEK
I KNOW UZUKI SAID SHE'S NOT UP TO ANYTHING...
BUT IF SHE REALLY IS DOING SOMETHING MORALLY DUBIOUS, I'LL HAVE TO STOP HER.
Dressed up as a girl to close in on them.
RATTLE
A SCANDAL WOULDN'T BE GOOD FOR OUR CLUB... HMM?
PEEK
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
SST
AUDITION 2 KNIGHTLY LOVE
WHAT IS THAT?
A NOTEBOOK?
AUDI... AUDITION?
HUFF

"THERE IS SOMETHING I MUST TELL YOU...
"...BEFORE YOU ARE NO LONGER AROUND."
AUDITION 2
KNIGHTLY LOVE
"I'M SORRY FOR ASKING YOU TO COME OUT HERE."

SHE'S BEEN SECRETLY PRACTICING FOR HER AUDITION IN HERE?

AUDITION 2
KNIGHTLY LOVE

IT'S TENDER AND PLEASANT, LIKE THAT OF A CAT SEEKING YOUR ATTENTION.

THIS VOICE...

BUT...!

BUT...

IT DOES BRING BACK FOND MEMORIES ...

EEEP!!!

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THE ACTUAL ACTING IS WAY TOO SHODDY!

BATTLE

DON'T SPY ON ME, YOU PERV!

JUST WHAT HAP-

SMACK

THERE'S NO EMOTION IN IT WHATSO-EVER!

IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I HEARD BEFORE!

BLUUUSH

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

IT'S THE HOTTEST MANGA RIGHT NOW, YET YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT'S ABOUT?!

IS THIS MANGA GETTING AN ANIME ADAPTA-TION?

RIP

DAMN IT! HOW DOES HE HAVE SUCH A THICK SKULL?!

MANGA: KNIGHTLY LOVE

"KNIGHTLY LOVE" IS A MANGA...

ABOUT THE FORBIDDEN LOVE BETWEEN A PRINCESS AND A SOLDIER!

THIS SCENE REALLY PACKS AN EMOTIONAL PUNCH!

THE PRINCESS RUSHED TO THE SOLDIER, WHO'D JUST LOST A BATTLE.

SHE WANTED TO HUG HIM, BUT DIDN'T WANT OTHERS TO FIND OUT ABOUT THEIR RELATION-SHIP...

SO, SHE PRETENDED TO BRUSH DIRT OFF OF HIM...

...AND SECRETLY PLANTED A KISS ON HIS HELMET!

YOUR FACE IS TOO CLOSE, DUMB-ASS!

OH? CAN YOU TELL HOW WELL-TONED MY SKIN IS?

SMILE

WHOA! YOUR FACE...

YOU LIKE THIS KIND OF STUFF, HUH?

LOOM

SIGH

I NEED TO PRACTICE, SO GET OUT.

I'VE TALKED A BIT TOO MUCH.

THIS IS NOT YOUR PROBLEM, SO STAY OUT OF IT.

WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST TELL US?

YOU CAN JUST PRACTICE IN THE CLUB ROOM.

YOU DON'T EVEN NEED TO KEEP THE AUDITION A SECRET.

THIS IS VERY MUCH MY PROBLEM, AND I CAN'T SIMPLY IGNORE IT.

I PROMISED TO TURN YOU ALL INTO TRUE PROFESSIONALS, AFTER ALL!

NOBODY ASKED YOU TO...

BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL...

...I ACTUALLY WET MY BED DURING A FIELD TRIP.

HUH ?!

YOU SURE HAVE AN OVERACTIVE BLADDER, DON'T YOU?!

I'VE ALSO BEEN YELLED AT BY DOCTORS FROM TIME TO TIME FOR OVERFILLING THE CONTAINERS DURING URINE TESTS.

WHY ARE YOU SHARING ALL THIS?!

I'VE ALSO WET MYSELF WHEN I WAS AT THE DENTIST BECAUSE I WAS IN SO MUCH PAIN.

I WON'T LET YOU BE EMBARRASSED ALONE!

WHATEVER YOUR REASON IS, IT MUST BE EMBARRASSING FOR YOU TO SAY IT, RIGHT?

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WELL? IS IT A BIT EASIER FOR YOU TO TALK NOW?

WHAT?

...YOU KNOW...

IT'S JUST...

IT'S JUST THAT...

...I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A RELATIONSHIP BEFORE...

...SO I CAN'T PULL OFF CONFESSION SCENES AT ALL!

CLATTER-

I'M BEING SERIOUS, YOU KNOW!

MEHHH

REALLY? THAT'S IT?

FLAP

THAT'S THE 23RD OF MY FAMILY'S PRE-CEPTS.

FLAP

YOU JUST NEED TO GET SOME EXPERIENCE IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY.

FLAP

Hmm, I see. So that's the manga's plot!

I HAVE AN IDEA.

YOU KNOW, I'M GETTING REAL SICK OF ALL YOUR RANDOM NONSENSE...

NENE.

WHY DON'T WE BECOME A COUPLE?

WHAAAT?!!

FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE THE SOLDIER, AND YOU'LL BE THE PRINCESS.

YOU HAVE THREE WEEKS UNTIL THE AUDITION.

YOU JUST HAVE TO SPEND ALL THAT TIME AS MY **SWEETHEART** AND ACQUAINT YOURSELF WITH YOUR ROLE!

HUH ...?

WH-WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!

THE LINE FROM THE SCENE WHERE THE SOLDIER CONFESSES HIS LOVE TO THE PRINCESS, OF COURSE.

OH? IS THAT SO?

I'D RATHER DIE!

I'LL HAVE TO BE YOUR GIRLFRIEND FOR THREE WEEKS?!

DAMN YOU!!!

UGH!!!

WHICH MEANS ALL THAT GUSHING YOU DID EARLIER MUST BE FAKE AS WELL!

I GUESS YOU'RE JUST NOT THAT SERIOUS ABOUT PURSUING YOUR DREAM.

CHATTER

CHATTER

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CHATTER

HER WHOLE FACE IS BEET RED.

THOSE TWO WERE AN ITEM ALL ALONG?!!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

CHATTER

CHATTER

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CHATTER

CHATTER

I THOUGHT SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T WANT A BOY-FRIEND!

HIS FACE IS SO PUNCH-ABLE RIGHT NOW!

CHATTER

ISN'T THAT YAMABUKI FROM CLASS C?!

CHATTER

CHATTER

WHAAAT?! NENE-CHAN HAS A BOY-FRIEND?!

CHATTER

PRINCESS.

SMILE にこりす

DON'T YOU THINK A BREEZE IS THE MOST COMFORTING THING IN THE WORLD?

Y-

DRIP

DRIP

DRIP

Y-Y-Y-Y-Y-YEAH, I SUP-POSE...

OH DEAR. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, PRINCESS?

HUH?

I'M FINE...

WOOSH

H-HOW'D IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?!

HE DOES HAVE A POINT, THOUGH!

IF I CAN'T EVEN HANDLE THIS, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN HANDLE REAL, GROWN-UP ROMANCE!

IT LOOKS LIKE YOUR HEELS ARE BROKEN.

YOU CAN RIDE ON MY BACK.

SQUEEZE

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H-HE'S...

HE'S ACTING OUT THE MANGA'S STORY, AND SO PERFECTLY, TOO!

THE FINAL CHAPTER HAS THAT ONE SCENE.

IS HE SERIOUSLY...

IS HE GOING TO ACT OUT THE WHOLE STORY DURING THOSE THREE WEEKS?!

WAIT, HOLD ON A SEC!

CHAPTER 4: THREE WEEKS UNTIL THE KISS